

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for automatically updating a printer driver on a computer. At a designated time or upon a designated event, a program subroutine searches for an updated version of a resident printer driver at a specified remote location. If an updated version is found, the new version is downloaded to the computer and installed. The old version is uninstalled. The subroutine performing the update process may be associated with a printer driver or part of a separate install/upgrade program. The level of user interaction in the upgrade process can be adjusted to fit the preferences of the user.